

TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

Torrance, California.  
December 6th. 1921.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, held at the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation, called to order by President Geo.A. Proctor at 8:00 o'clock P.M. The following members of the Board were present; Trustees J.M. Fitzhugh W.H. Gilbert, R.R. Smith. J.F. Stone, and Geo.A. Proctor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communication from Mrs. Helen O'Leary, #1104 North Arlington, Torrance, Calif., Requesting the Board to recommend her appointment as Registrar of Voters was read. Trustee Stone moved that Mrs O'Leary's appointment be recommended by the Board, which motion, being duly seconded, carried, and the City Clerk was instructed to so inform Mrs. O'Leary by letter.

Communication from John M. Connell, in which Mr. Connell made application for the appointment to the position of City Recorder of the City of Torrance was read. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Board referred said application to the proper committee for consideration.

Communication from Knox, Peckham and Schultz, of Torrance, requesting permission to install one 550 gal. gasoline tank under sidewalk at 1615 Cabrillo Avenue, was read. Trustee Fitzhugh moved that same be referred to Building Inspector for temporary action until next regular meeting of the Board; Trustee Stone seconded said motion and motion carried.

Communication addressed to the Dominguez Land Corporation regarding the paving of certain streets in Tract #4070, signed by Mrs. Irvin E.A. Allen, was read. Upon motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, duly seconded, the Board referred said communication to Trustee Gilbert.

The following petition was presented to the Board.  
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AND THE DOMINGUEZ LAND CORPORATION:

We, the undersigned property owners of the city of Torrance, present this petition for your consideration.

We request the changing of the name of what is now known as Wells Street to Double Street, as a fitting tribute to the memory of the late President of the Union Toll Company, Edward Double.

Trustee Smith moved that the petition to change the name of Wells Street to Double Street be granted as requested by petitioners, which motion, having been duly seconded, carried.

Trustee Smti then moved that said petition be referred to the Dominguez Land Corporation for action in accordance with the vote of the Board, and motion being duly seconded and carried, the City Clerk was instructed to transmit said petition to the Dominguez Land Corp. with advice of the approval of said change of name of said Street by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. H.L. Spence appeared before the Board and informed them that he had purchased a pool hall in Torrance from Mr. Finnegan. This transfer was approved by the Board.

The Marshall reported that the dog pound had not yet been completed.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported routine work and the P.E. Road almost completed; that only the regular gang were being employed in doing the work. That considerable work was being done on the sewer farm.

Trustee Stone reported that the number of street lights had been reduced by about eighty lamps on the first of December; that the lamps were cut out in locations where they would not be missed and a saving of about \$90.00 a month effected on the city's lighting cost. Also reported that the dog pound would be completed by the end of the week.

Report of the City Recorder was read, and on motion ordered placed on file.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the bid of J.G. Beckjord for street improvement in Tract #4070 be rejected and that a letter explaining why the bid was rejected be sent Mr. Beckjord in connection therewith, which motion being duly seconded, carried by acclamation.

The matter of resignation of A.G. Pruitt as City Recorder, having been laid over at the previous meeting of the Board, came up for discussion. The City attorney advised the Trustees that there was no legal disqualification to prevent Mr. Pruitt from continuing to serve as Recorder. On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, duly seconded, the Board voted to return Mr. Pruitt's resignation to him, and no further action was taken thereon.

Trustee Fitzhugh stated that there was as yet nothing definite to report in regard to the new location but that Mr. Goe.W. Neill had said that the plan was to secure quarters soon in the building formerly occupied by the post office.

Mrs. Helen O'Leary appeared before the Board and stated that she had been directed by the Torrance Women's Club to present to the Board a matter in the interest of preservation of the birds of California, the matter being the indiscriminate use of sling-shots and BB guns by the boys of Torrance in shooting birds. Mrs. O'Leary advocated the passage of an ordinance making it a criminal offence for a boy to carry a sling-shot or BB gun.

On motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded, this matter was referred to the Ordinance committee to be presented at some future meeting for further consideration.

Statement of salaries due on December 15th was read and ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
Noes; None. Absent; None.

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, all other bills properly audited were ordered paid, by the following vote:

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
Noes; None. Absent; None.

Resolution #13 was presented to the Board, as follows:

RESOLVED: The City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to file with this Board of Trustees an estimate of the cost of paving the following named streets:

Narbonne Avenue, also sometimes known as Arlington Avenue, from the southern boundary of the City of Torrance to Carson Avenue, for one-half of the width thereof;

Carson Avenue, from the western boundary of the City of Torrance to the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Lot S-18 of the Torrance Tract, across said Carson Avenue for five feet on each side of the centerline thereof.

Said paving on Narbonne Avenue to consist of five (5) inches of Willite paving, and said paving on Carson Avenue to consist of four (4) inches of Willite paving, to be laid on the present paving.

Resolution #13 was adopted as read, by the following vote:

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Smith, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor.  
Noes; None. Absent; None.

Resolution #14 was presented to the Board, as follows:

RESOLVED: The City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to file with this Board an estimate of the cost of resurfacing with asphalt, oil and rock screenings the following streets:

Carson Avenue, from the southerly prolongation of Lot S-18 of the Torrance Tract, across said Carson Avenue to the easterly end of Lot S-11 of said Torrance Tract.

That portion of Narbonne Avenue, lying between Lot S-11 and that portion of Lot S-12 lying north of Blocks 15 and 16 of the Torrance Tract.

Parcels Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11, as shown on the County Surveyor's map No. 7970, also known as El Prado, lying between 213th Street and the easterly boundary of the City of Torrance.

Resolution #14 was adopted as read, by the following vote:

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
Noes; None. Absent; None.

Resolution #15 was presented to the Board, as follows:  
 RESOLVED: The City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to file with this Board an estimate of the cost of purchasing a sewer farm and implements and equipment for same.  
 On motion by Trustee Smith seconded by Trustee Gilbert Resolution #15 was adopted as read by the following vote:  
 Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith Stone and Proctor.  
 Noes; None. Absent; None.

Estimate of City Engineer as to Cost of street improvement presented to the Board, and Resolution #16 in connection therewith, as follows;

RESOLVED: That the estimate of the City Engineer for the paving of Narbonne Avenue, also sometimes known as Arlington Avenue, from the southern boundary of the City of Torrance to Carson Avenue, for one-half the width thereof, and the paving of Carson Avenue from the western boundary of the City of Torrance to the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Lot S-18 of the Torrance Tract, across said Carson Avenue, for five (5) feet on each side of the center line thereof, said paving on Narbonne Avenue to consist of five (5) inches of Willite paving, and said paving on said Carson Avenue to consist of four (4) inches of Willite paving, to be laid on the present paving, is \$57,000.00, and that said estimate be received and placed on file.

On motion of Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gilbert Resolution #16 was adopted as read by the following vote:  
 Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone & Proctor.  
 Noes; None. Absent; None.

Estimate of City Engineer as to the cost of street repair work on certain streets was presented to the Board, and Resolution #17 in connection therewith, as follows;

RESOLVED; That the estimate of the City Engineer for the resurfacing with asphalt, oil and rock screenings the following streets: Carson Avenue, from the southerly Prolongation of the easterly line of Lot S-18 of the Torrance Tract, across said Carson Avenue to the easterly end of Lot S-11 of the Torrance Tract; and that portion of Narbonne Avenue lying between Lot S-11 and that portion of Lot S-12 lying north of Blocks 15 and 16 of the Torrance Tract, and also parcels Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11, as shown on County Surveyor's map No. 7970, also known as El Prado, lying between 213th Street and the easterly boundary of the City of Torrance, is \$12,000.00, and that the said estimate be received and placed on file

Upon motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Smith Resolution #17 was adopted as read by the following vote:  
 Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
 Noes; None. Absent; None.

Estimate of City Engineer on sewer farm, and Resolution #18 in connection therewith were presented to the Board, as follows;

RESOLVED: That the estimate of the City Engineer for the purchase of the following described property for a sewer farm, to-wit: The forty-three (43) acres of land, more or less, lying southerly of the Pacific Electric Railway right-of-way, and northerly of Ocean Avenue, and easterly of Border Avenue, and a southerly prolongation of said Border Avenue, and the purchase of implements and equipment therefor, is Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars, and that said estimate be received and placed on file.

Upon motion of Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, Resolution #18 was adopted as read, by the following vote:  
 Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
 Noes; None. Absent; None.

Resolution #19 was presented to the Board, as follows;

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA; DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE AND DEMAND THE CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION BY SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND THAT THE ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS AND WILL BE TOO GREAT TO BE PAID OUT OF THE ORDINARY ANNUAL INCOME AND REVENUE OF SAID CITY.

BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance:

1st. That the public interest and necessity require and demand the construction of a certain municipal improvement to carry out the objects, purposes and powers of the City of Torrance, to-wit: The improvement by grading and paving those certain public streets and portions of public streets of the City of Torrance, as follows:

Narbonne Avenue, also sometimes known as Arlington Avenue, from the southern boundary of the City of Torrance to Carson Avenue, for one-half of the width thereof.

Carson Avenue, from the western boundary of the City of Torrance to the prolongation of the easterly line of Lot S-18 of the Torrance Tract, across said Carson Avenue for five feet on each side of the center line thereof.

Said paving on Narbonne Avenue to consist of five (5) inches of Willite paving, and said paving on Carson Avenue to consist of four (4) inches of Willite paving, to be laid on the present paving.

That the estimated cost of said municipal improvement, to-wit: The construction of said street work upon and along said streets is the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand (\$57,000.00) Dollars.

That the estimated cost of said municipal improvement is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the City of Torrance.

2nd. That the public interest and necessity require and demand the construction and acquisition of a certain municipal improvement to carry out the object, purposes and powers of the said City of Torrance, to-wit: The improvement by resurfacing with asphalt, oil and rock screenings those certain public streets and portions of public streets of the City of Torrance, as follows:

Carson Avenue, from the southerly prolongation of Lot S-18 of the Torrance Tract, across said Carson Avenue to the easterly end of Lot S-11 of the said Torrance Tract.

That portion of Narbonne Avenue, lying between Lot S-11 and that portion of Lot S-12 lying north of Blocks 15 and 16 of the Torrance Tract.

Parcels Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11, as shown on the County Surveyor's map No. 7970, also known as El Prado lying between 213th Street and the easterly boundary of the City of Torrance.

That the estimated cost of said municipal improvement, to-wit: The construction of said street work upon and along said streets is the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars; that the estimated cost of said municipal improvement is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of said City of Torrance.

3rd. That the public interest and necessity require and demand the acquisition of a certain municipal improvement to carry out the objects, purposes and powers of the City of Torrance, to-wit: The acquisition of a sewer farm, consisting of land described as follows: The forty-three (43) acres of land, more or less, lying southerly of the Pacific Electric Railway right-of-way, and northerly of Ocean Avenue, and easterly of Border Avenue, and a southerly prolongation of said Border Avenue, and the purchase of implements and equipment therefor.

That the estimated cost of said municipal improvement, to-wit: The acquisition of said sewer farm and the purchase of implements and equipment therefor is the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars. That the said estimated cost of said improvement is and will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of said City of Torrance.

4th. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution by a vote of more than two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees of said City of Torrance.

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, resolution #19 was adopted as read, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
Noes: None. Absent: None.

Resolution No 20. providing for the drafting of an ordinance authorizing a special election for issuing bonds for the improvement of certain streets, was on motion of Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Smith, adopted as read, by the following vote:

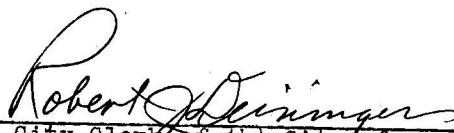
Ayes: Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
Noes: None. Absent: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Engineer be instructed to establish a grade on Carson Ave. which motion was seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and carried by the following vote.


Ayes: Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.  
Noes: None. Absent: None.

City Attorney suggested that the Board adjourn its meeting for one week from this date for the purpose of taking further action with reference to the proposed bond election, whereupon Trustee Stone moved that the meeting stand adjourned for one week

which motion being duly seconded by Trustee Smith, carried by acclamation, and the meeting thereupon adjourned to convene on December 13, 1921.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.